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5. It was thus evident that KPOe leaders were irate because more than one-third of the Communist Party apparently failed to vote for the left bloc. Party members as well as the Russians seemed to be appalled by the election returns, and SMV Communist employees were particularly surprised by the vote in the Zistersdorf area. Hofmann stated that he, himself, had anticipated the election outcome but that the Zistersdorf fiasco had dealt the Austrian Communist Party a mortal blow. All evinced fear of the Union of Independents (VdU) rather than of the Socialist Party or People's Party. It was agreed by Mitelman, Kasura, and others, that in the event the VdU gained control of Austria's new federal army, Communist Party aspirations in Austria would be seriously jeopardized.
6. Finally, the group discussed the importance of carrying out an energetic campaign of sabotage and strikes in Austrian factories before forthcoming trade union elections.

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